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THE BINGIEWS



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Do Good Aruba does some good for kids of Casa Cuna Progresso



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fun with the kids from Casa

Cuna Progresso, a residence

Founders of Do Good Aruba, a local company with a so-

Aruban Minister witnesses inauguration of Dutch Cruise Terminal



Last Friday at Ijmuiden, Holland, Aruban Minister Otmar Oduber had the honor of participating in the inauguration of the Felison Cruise Terminal in Holland. The inauguration took place in the presence of the director of KVSA, the Mayor, Franc Weerwind van Velsen and Pierefrancesco Vago, the CEO of MSC Cruise Lines. Several other Dutch personalities and from around the world were in attendance for the occasion. Minister Oduber took advantage of this opportunity to network and to create links for future potential commercial business for Aruba.

Included in the inauguration ceremony was a special musical presentation by Dutch soprano, Martina Prins, who delighted the audience with her majestic voice. After several eloquent speeches by Frans Baud, Franc Weerwind van Velsen and Pierfrancesco Vago, they officially inaugurated the new Felison Cruise Terminal in the back drop of colorful fire works.

for children from troubled homes, on Thursday May 3rd at the Aruba Butterfly Farm.

The company began sellings for future poten-

The company began selling their inventory of glass-ware produced from recycled wine, beer and soda bottles last month during the nightly flea market at The Village Mall. The warm reception for their purpose of promoting recycling and their attractive inventory resulted in their first "Pay it Forward" event, which is a core mission of the company, giving back to the community.

Fourteen delighted youngsters ages two to eight enjoyed a day at the Butterfly Farm, where they learned the intimate details of life as a butterfly, fed the Koi, got up close and personal with some turtles, and departed with a gift to color from the farm.

Afterwards, the troupe enjoyed a well deserved early dinner at Senor Frogs, with more fun and games with the famous franchise's wait staff, who taught them the latest dance moves. Do Good Aruba also donated needed materials such as diapers, toiletries, snacks and juices boxes for the youngsters' school bags.

It was a day of doing good and feeling good for both the founders of Do Good Aruba and the Casa Cuna kids, who their supervisors report were still excitedly talking about their adventure for days after.

by Rosalie Klein







Come this May Aruba can expect 5 weekly flights from Canada

ORANJESTAD -- The government of Aruba proudly announced this week that Aruba will soon be boasting a total of 5 weekly flights from Canada.

During the recent ATCA 2012 Conference held here, SunWing Airlines announced that they would be adding an additional flight from Montreal beginning in the winter of 2012-2013.

The airplane that will be used from Canada is a 737-800 jet with a seating capacity of 189 passengers, and the flights will be weekly on Sundays for an entire year.

Along with this news, Westjet Airlines from Toronto arrived here on Sunday and inaugurated their very first flight to Aruba.

Westjet began flying a Boeing 737-800 with a seating capacity of 136 passengers, and theirs will also be weekly Sunday arrivals.

According to Vice-president and Network Management and Alliances' John Macleod ..."Aruba is one of the most fascinating islands in the Caribbean with its ideal temperature; and is the per-

fect place to visit at any time throughout the year!"

Public Relations Manager of Westjet, Greg Palmer, who arrived here on their inaugural flight, indicated how enthusiastic they were to add Aruba to their list of destinations.

Ten different travel agents came to Aruba with them in this first flight. These were all invited by ATA. General sales rep of Aruba in Canada, Colleen Lessard, also came along. ATA prepared an exciting fun filled information program for them to give them as much information as possible about Aruba and exactly what Aruba has to offer as our tourism product.

The Minister of Tourism has indicated that the Canadian market is a very significant market for our island and is one of the fast growing markets. In 2011 they showed a significant growth of 7.7%.

Projections for 2012 show that there will be very positive results from this market especially in light of the different options that exist now for travel to Aruba.



Management reserves the right to discontinue this promotion at any time.

Top Aruban athletes seeking classification for 2012 Olympic Games

SAVANETA -- This weekend at the Roly Bisslik Olympic Pool in Savaneta, the international swimming competition, dubbed Stingray Challenge, will be held here. The Stingray Swimming team is in charge of the organization.

During the three days of competition, two Aruban swimming athletes, Jemal Le Grand and Allyson Ponson will be working diligently to classify for the 2012 London Olympic Games.

Aruba's 2011 athlete of the year, Allyson Ponson, who surprised us all with her two final B accomplishment in the 2011 Pan-American Games in Guadalajara, Mexico, will once again, try to classify for the Olympic 50m and 100m free swim 2012 Games.

Allyson Ponson is currently swimming at 50m free in a time span of 26:38. The classification time span for WO is at 26:15. For the 100m free Allyson is currently swimming at 58:30, while the classification WO time is set at 56:48.

Jemal, the masculine athlete, on the other hand, is the holder of an Olympic scholarship from the International Olympic Committee. Jemal is currently attending Sagemont School in Florida, where he is combining swimming with his studies. He is also working hard to classify in the discipline of 50m and 100m free. Jemal's time in the 50m free is at 24:45, while the classification time is 22:88. For the 100m free, Jemal is swimming at 52:39, while the classification time for WO is 50:53.

It is important to mention here that it has never occurred that an Aruban athlete failed to classify for Olympic



Ally Ponson

Games. Hence, we are convinced that Allyson and Jemal will make history for Aruba this weekend.

The classification schedule for both athletes is as follows: Saturday evening at 7:25 Allyson Ponson will swim the 50m free. And Jemal will swim the 50 m free at 7:30. Then, on Sunday morning at 11:35 Allyson Ponson will swim the 100m while free, Jemal will swim his 100m free at 11:50 am. Both ath-

letes have their FINA points in the 100m free.

The general public is cordially invited to come out and witness this spectacular swimming event by two of our own athletes of whom we



Jemal Le Grand

are very proud.

The event is to take place at our own Olympic Pool in Savaneta. Let's all cheer them on to classify for the 2012 Olympic Games.



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Aruba Governor visits Aruba House and Ecury exposition





Just recently, the Governor of Aruba, Mr. Fredis Refunjol, accompanied by the director of the Cabinet of the Governor, Mr. P.T. Benschop and adjunct LTZOC, drs. R. Samson, paid an official visit to Aruba House in the Hague, the Netherlands. Minister Plenipotentiary, Edwin Abath, gladly welcomed and received the Governor and his official party. As part of his tasks, The Aruba Governor visits the Minister Plenipotentiary to consult with him and to discuss matters of interest regarding Aruba and the

Dutch Kingdom.

After consulting with Minister Abath, the Governor, under the guidance of Angelo Tromp, was offered a tour of the exposition dedicated to the Aruban war hero, Boy Ecury. Angelo Tromp is the cultural atache at the Cabinet in Aruba.

The Governor also conversed with Yvette Ecury, sister of Boy Ecury. Mrs. Ecury has many interesting anecdotes to share about the life of her brother dating back to their childhood years growing up in Aruba.



Still another phase of work to commence on the La Salle Street!



ORANJESTAD -- The Public Works Department - DOW has recently announced that they have finally completed phase two of the repair of the La Salle Street up to the crossing of Kamerling Onnestraat. They are now going to attempt phase three, which is from the crossing of Kamerling Onnestraat all the way up to Smit & Dorlas.

During the first two weeks of their work they will repair and asphalt the section of the crossing of Van Leeuwenhoekstraat/La Sallestreet. As soon as they complete the crossing, they will open the road for all traffic. During the period of the repair of the crossing of Van Leeuwenhoekstraat motorists will be able to reach Imelda Kleuterschool via the roundabout or from behind the school.

In addition to putting a new layer of asphalt, they will also construct a water drainage system under this

The work is scheduled to begin on the 9th of May and will take about 35 days to be completed.

During the first period of construction, the La Salle street will remain partially closed to traffic. Traffic signs will indicate the temporary driving directions. The Public Works Department urges all motorists to stay off these roads except for taking children to and from school or going to homes or to a business in the vicinity.

DOW once again, appeals to motorists for their understanding and patience. Aruban drivers are, indeed, exceptionally they've been waiting now for the La Salle Street to open for almost one year, it seems! ...and the wait will be much longer now!

Mr. Dennis and Gloria Kaczkowski honored at Divi Village

Recently, Mr. Dennis and Mrs. Gloria Kaczkowski, of East Jordan, Michigan, were honored as Goodwill Ambassador of Aruba. The honor was bestowed on them for vacationing here for 27 consecutive years.

The symbolic honorary title is presented in the name of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guests who visit Aruba between ten and twenty consecutive years.

According to the honorees the main reasons for their yearly return are the fantastic sunset, beautiful blue water, friendly people, the hospitality and diverse cuisine.

During a small ceremony at the Divi Village, Ms. Darline de Cuba representing Aruba Tourism Authority



presented the Kaczkowskis with a certificate as a 'thank you' gesture for their loyalty towards our island.

Also present during the

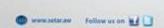
gathering were Mrs. Gloria Defoe and Mrs. Anna Arends, both asociates of the Divi Village.

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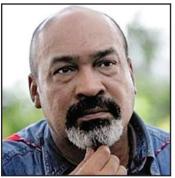
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Bouterse baffled by **December murders furore**



Desi Bouterse

PARAMARIBO -- Suriname's President Desi Bouterse says he doesn't understand the commotion surrounding the socalled 1982 December murders of 15 opponents of the military regime led by Mr Bouterse, then army commander.

The past years have witnessed many other deaths, Mr Bouterse says: "We sympathise with all survivors, but soldiers and police officers have been killed too. Don't they have wives and children

Mr Bouterse is currently being tried for the murders but parliament recently passed a law that grants him amnesty. The move prompted international outrage and the Netherlands suspended its financial aid in response.

Mr Bouterse made the remarks on Saturday evening in the capital Paramaribo during a so-called reconciliation and unity meeting attended by several thousand people. The gathering was organised by the country's three government parties. In his speech Mr Bouterse spoke of forces that try to destabilise Suriname and



Ronnie Brunswijk

provide misleading information. Observers say the president was alluding to the Netherlands, the country's former colonial ruler, and Surinamese nationals living in the Netherlands.

Also on Saturday, Ronnie Brunswijk, said he will continue to back Desi Bouterse until 2030, adding that his cooperation with his firmer adversary is meant to demonstrate true peace to the Surinamese society.

'If Bouterse and Brunswijk are able to cooperate, one should expect more for the country. It shows that there is real peace between these two leaders. I'll continue to back him 100 percent from 2015 to 2020 and then on to 2030 and on, you do the math,' Brunswijk said at the unity manifestation held at the Independence Square last Saturday

Brunswijk boasted that the incumbent coalition is invincible. He reminded the audience that he and Bouterse were enemies during the war in the hinterland fought in the 80s and 90s, but he signed a peace treaty in the interest of the development of this country.

Chavez reelection bid in question

CARACAS (AFP) - President Hugo Chavez's repeated trips to Cuba for cancer treatment and the government's silence about his health are fueling rumors that he will name a successor to run in October presidential elections.

So far, the government has fiercely maintained that there is no alternative to Chavez, who still leads in the polls. But several names have begun to circulate among observers to take the helm should Chavez delegate his powers.
Foreign Minister Nicolas

Maduro, Vice President Elias Jaua and National Assembly President Diosdado Cabello are considered potential candidates. They are already cited in polls, triggering speculation over the ramifications of a possible succession battle.

Any departure of Chavez from the national stage would have profound consequences in Venezuela, where he has



His face grotesquely bloated, Hugo Chávez has been fighting the biggest battle of his life. But the prognosis for Venezuela's increasingly reclusive president has been a highly guarded state secret. Besides distorting his features, the chemotherapy he's receiving has rendered him

the "home stretch" of his radiation treatment, without providing more details. His previous stay, which was supposed to have been his last, stretched out for 11 days.



governed since 1999. It would also have a huge impact across Latin America, especially in leftist ally nations which have been showered with his country's oil wealth.

Jaua will soon be named president of the Council of State, an advisory body whose creation this week is seen by some analysts as the first step toward a potential political transition since Chavez experienced a relapse of the cancer first detected in June 2011.

"With the lack of information, all scenarios are possible, including Chavez's absence and the naming of a successor" for the October 7 vote, said Datanalisis polling firm president Luis Vicente Leon.

Chavez returned to Cuba last Tuesday for what he called

The exact nature of the cancer has never been disclosed. The 57-year-old underwent an operation in Havana on February 26 to remove a second cancerous tumor in his pelvic area, where a baseball-sized growth was extracted a year ago.

Usually all over the Venezuelan media, Chavez now rarely appears in public and has been reduced to sending out tweets during his long absences in Cuba.

Chavez is running for reelection as a "revolutionary socialist" against Henrique Ca- priles, the youthful Miranda state governor and center-left candidate for the united opposition.

Capriles scoffed at the pervasive uncertainty surrounding Chavez's political future. "A Twitter, the Internet or by telephone," he said last Friday.

Even in the president's own ranks, tensions and divisions are growing. But so long as Chavez is alive, "these confrontations will be relegated to the back stage, because the president of the United Socialist Party can still destroy" his rivals, Leon said.

For now, the firebrand leftist leader's health is overshadowing the run-up to the presidential campaign.

Yet "his absence is not yet having an effect on how most Venezuelans intend to vote," analyst John Magdaleno said.

But Leon warned that the government's silence on Chavez's wellbeing and ability to run the country could be hiding a political maneuver.

"The president could be trying to prepare a triumphant return and then, the bigger the speculation about his health, the less he will need to make new proposals" upon his return, Leon added.

The electoral campaign officially gets under way on July 1, but the law allows for replacing a candidate unable to run at any time, constitutional lawyer Enrique Sanchez Falcon noted.

The most prominent face of the left in Latin America. Chavez has rallied a group of like-minded leaders as a councountry cannot be ruled via terweight to the United States.

Cuba oil drilling shifts west; that could raise risk for South Florida

A giant floating rig hunting for oil north of Cuba is about to move farther west to dig an exploratory well even closer to the Gulf Stream that rushes along the South Florida coast.

The exact location of the new site is a closely guarded secret, but sources familiar with drilling operations say it will be off the northwest coast of Cuba a little more than 100 miles from Key West. That's farther from Florida than the current drilling site north of Havana but closer to the Gulf Stream, which would carry a potential oil slick toward the Keys and South Florida's beachfront.

Oil drilling this close to Florida, just two years after the Deepwater Horizon disaster in

the Gulf of Mexico, has raised alarms about a potential threat to Florida's delicate environment and \$60-billion tourism industry.

Repsol, the Spanish energy company that is leasing the rig, has yet to strike oil after more than three months of trying. But it will keep on digging before turning the rig over to a Petronas, in late May or June.



Bon Bini Festival is tonight



The weekly Bon Bini Festival takes place tonight at the Fort Zoutman in Wilhelminastraat. Bon Bini Festival is the only weekly folkloric event on the island. Come mingle with the locals and enjoy a taste of Aruban culture.

This week the festival will feature the traditional Aruba caha di orgel by Nos Cultura, folkloric music by Ola Tropical, dance performance by The bon Bini Dancers, soloist Sharon Rose and brass band The New Generations. The event will be hosted by Ryan Maduro.

During the festival there will be local food, sweets and traditional local arts and crafts on sale.

Arubus has regular busses from all hotels areas to Oranjestrad Central Terminal, which is only a short walk from Fort Zoutman. Round trip bus fare is \$2.30. The festival is from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Entrance fee is \$3.

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Alleged Colombian cocaine kingpin surrenders to US

BOGOTA (AFP) - A Colombian wanted for allegedly smuggling tons of cocaine bound for the United States into Mexico has surrendered to US officials and may help track down other traffickers, Colombian police said yesterday.

The United States had offered a five million dollar reward for the capture of Javier Calle Serna, a former leftist guerrilla who allegedly commanded a paramilitary group called Los Rastrojos that pro-

tected drug trafficking networks.

Bogota police chief, Jose Roberto Leon, said Calle surrendered to DEA agents in Aruba on Friday and was taken to New York where he was indicted in 2009 on charges of conspiracy to import cocaine.

US authorities allege Calle's drug trafficking networks likely smuggled more than 30 tons of cocaine into Mexico since 2008, using speedboats, fishing vessels and semi-submersibles to move the drugs.

Justice Minister Juan Carlos Esguerra said Calle negotiated his surrender with the DEA, and suggested he would be able to provide information on other top Colombian drug dealers.

"It's a clear and resounding message to all drug traffickers," Leon told reporters. "They have few days of freedom left."

Leon singled out by name Daniel "el Loco" Barrera, reputed to be Colombia's top drug trafficker, heading an organization responsible for smuggling as much as 900 tons of cocaine to the United States or Europe in recent years.

"The only way out for the drug traffickers, the terrorists and the heads of drug trafficking groups, is to turn themselves in to the Columbian justice," he said

Colombia is the world's biggest producer of cocaine,



turning out 350 tons of the drug in 2010, according to UN estimates.

LOS ANGELES: AFP photo shows U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agriculture specialist Hugo Rodrigues inspecting roses imported from Ecuador for Mother's Day for pests and diseases in Los Angeles, California. On a typical day, the CBP seizes about 4,436 prohibited plant, meat and animal byproducts and finds 570 agricultural pests from abroad that could harm U.S. agriculture.



AFGHANISTAN, Mamoond Spin Ghar: Afghan men harvest and collect opium sap from the bulb of the plant in Mamoond Spin Ghar area in Nangarhar province on May 6, 2012. Opium poppy-crop cultivation in Afghanistan reached 131,000 hectares in 2011, seven percent higher than in 2010 due to insecurity and high prices, said the summary findings of the 2011 Afghan Opium Survey released by the Ministry of Counter Narcotics (MCN) and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). AFP PHOTO



NEW YORK: Members of the Metropolitan Police Services in London pull a Jet Blue A320 plane 100 feet during the third annual Jet Blue Airbus A320 Plane Tug at JFK Airport on May 7, 2012 in New York City. Members of the London's Metropolitan Police Services went head-to-head with local law enforcement and airport crewmembers to see which team of up to 16 people could pull a 150,000 pound Jet Blue A320 aircraft 100 feet in the fastest time. A team of TSA employees had the fastest time of 32 seconds. The "Brits VS Yanks" competition raises money and awareness for the Joining Against Cancer Kids (JACK) Foundation, a UK based organization that rase money for Neuroblastoma cancer research. (AFP PHOTO)

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Poll: Romney, Obama nearly tied in swing states

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Republican Mitt Romney has evened it up with President Barack Obama in swing states six months ahead of the US election, with the challenger seen as a better economic steward but Obama more likeable, a new poll showed yesterday.

In the 12 battleground states likely to determine the outcome on November 6, the president led Romney 47-45 percent among registered voters, according to the USA Today/Gallup Swing States poll. That represents a substantial tightening from the ninepoint lead Obama enjoyed in late March.

The poll -- USA Today's first since Romney became the de facto Republican nominee last month -- also showed a widening gender gap. Women now support Obama 52-40 percent, while men support Romney 50-42 percent.

That 20 percent gap is up from 12 points in February and 17 points in March, when Democrats hit out against a "war on women" that they said was

being waged by Republicans through policies on contraception and proposed health care cuts.

Romney, a former venture capitalist who touts his business experience on the campaign trail, dominated on the economic front, with six in 10 respondents saying he would do well or very well handling the economy, compared with 52 percent for Obama.

In a direct comparison of who would do better on the economy, Romney nipped Obama 47-44 percent.

"You've got a candidate who has just been through the bruising Republican primary and came out somewhat bloodied, so it's pretty remarkable that in these target states governor Romney is doing better than Obama on the biggest issue, the economy," Romney pollster Neil Newhouse told USA Today.

Despite Romney's gains, the survey shows a potentially worrying trend for the ex-governor of Massachusetts: a reversal of voter enthusiasm which had been a Republican asset in recent months.

It said that for the first time, Democrats by 11 percent are more likely to say they are more enthusiastic about voting, a major shift from the 14point Republican advantage from late last year.

And Obama, by a 27-percent margin, is seen as more likable, according to the survey, which noted that the more likable candidate has won every election since 1980.

"Obama has the softer image dimensions tied up: He's likable, compassionate, feels your pain, relates, understands," said Gallup editor in chief Frank Newport.

Romney by contrast is seen as an "efficient manager" who is "less interested in feeling your pain than telling you how to fix your pain by... doing something about it."

The poll focused on the states of Colorado, Florida, Iowa, Michigan, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Wisconsin, and had a margin of error of four percentage points.

Officials: US foils Al-Qaeda bomb plot against airliner

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The United States has foiled a plot by Al-Qaeda's branch in Yemen to blow up an airliner and has recovered the explosive device, a US counterterrorism official said yesterday.

"The device was for use by a suicide bomber on an airliner," the official told AFP on condition of anonymity.

The plot by Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) was uncovered at an early stage and represented a "success story" for US authorities working closely with allies, the official said.

"At no point were any airlines at risk," the official added.

The bomb had "notable differences" from the explosive employed in a failed attempt to blow up a US-bound airliner on Christmas Day in 2009 also linked to AQAP, the official said.

The bomb was "a nonmetallic device," he said, presumably to avoid detection by airport security.

"This suggests AQAP is adapting its methodology, its tactics etcetera," the official



said.

President Barack Obama was briefed about the plot in April and was told by his deputies that lives were never in danger, said Caitlin Hayden, deputy spokesperson for the National Security Council.

"While the President was assured that the device did not pose a threat to the public, he directed the Department of Homeland Security and law enforcement and intelligence agencies to take whatever steps necessary to guard against this type of at-

tack," Hayden said in a statement.

AQAP have been linked to the 2009 Christmas plot in which a bomb in an attacker's underwear failed to detonate on a plane bound for Detroit, and an attempt in 2010 to blow up cargo planes heading to the United States with explosives hidden in printer cartridges.

Despite the thwarted attack, Al-Qaeda's branch in Yemen "remains very determined and resourceful," the US official said.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS



ITALY, Venice: The Costa Fascinosa, the new flagship of the Italian passenger fleet and Costa Cruises built at Fincantieri's Marghera shipyard, is seen leaving Venice on May 6,2012, crossing the sea in front of St. Mark square. A huge public relations exercise marked the entry into service of the 114,500 ton Costa Fascinosa, sister-ship of the ill-fated Costa Concordia which ran aground and capsized off northwest Italy on January 13 with the loss of 32 lives. A tragedy like the wreck of the Costa Concordia cruise liner "will not happen again," the shipping line's boss said as he unveiled the new luxury vessel to the public. (AFP PHOTO)

MOSCOW: Russia's President Vladimir Putin (C) enters Andreyevsky (St. Andrew's) Hall at the Great Kremlin Palace in Moscow's Kremlin, on May 7, 2012, during his inauguration ceremony.

Putin took his oath of office yesterday to become Russia's president for a historic third mandate at a glittering ceremony inside the Kremlin.

(AFP PHOTO)





BOLIVIA, La Paz: A 48-hour strike by public transport workers paralyzed La Paz yesterday, closing schools and forcing liberal leave policies to be invoked for government employees. Hundreds of people walked to work because of the strike by bus and taxi drivers, the latest in a wave of labor protests to hit the leftist government of President Evo Morales since mid-April. The drivers are protesting a new law requiring them to use seat belts and to meet scheduled stops. The Bolivian Workers Confederation, meanwhile, has called a 72-hour general strike beginning tomorrow to press for higher pay and to back doctors who have been striking against an extension of the work day from six to eight hours. (AFP PHOTO)



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Rebels holding French journalist call for press 'debate'

BOGOTA - Leftist guerrillas have said they want a "debate" on the way the press covers Colombia's insurgency, Latin America's oldest, before they will free a French journalist captured last month.

The leadership of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) highlighted that the journalist, Romeo Langlois, was wearing a Colombian army uniform when he was captured April 28 in the course of a firefight.

"We think the minimum we would need for him to fully regain his freedom of movement would be the opening of a large national and international debate on freedom of information," the FARC said in a statement released to several media organizations Monday.

Langlois, a reporter for global television network France 24, had been accompanying soldiers who destroyed five cocaine production labs in southern Colombia when the firefight broke out.

He is believed to have suffered a bullet wound to his left arm.

Dated May 3, the FARC statement was the first by the FARC leadership since the French journalist went missing and was tougher than expected.

It referred to Langlois as a "prisoner of war," and suggested he had crossed a line by embedding with the Colom-



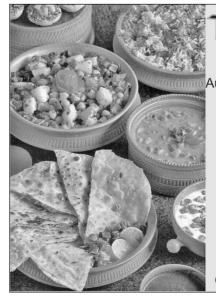
Romeo Langlois

bian military.

"Journalists whom the Colombian armed forces take with them on their military operations do not serve the purpose of impartially reporting on reality, but rather manipulate it in the service of the war project against the Colombian people," the statement said.

A self-described FARC commander had taken a softer line in a video posted to YouTube on Sunday, saying the group was holding Langlois, who he acknowledged was a French reporter. He said he hoped to "soon overcome this impasse."

Colombian President Juan Manuel dos Santos has urged FARC to release the journalist "as soon as possible," saying the Colombian government was prepared to help facilitate his liberation.



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Understanding grief after the loss of a pet



For many people a pet is not "just a dog" or "just a cat." He or she is a beloved member of the family and, when they die, you feel a significant, even traumatic loss. The level of grief depends on factors such as your age and personality, the age of your pet, and the circumstances of their death. Generally, the more significant the loss, the more intense the grief you'll

Pets enrich our lives and provide us with companionship, emotional support, and unconditional love.

Grief can be complicated by the role the animal played in your life. For example, if your pet was a working dog or a helper animal such as a guide dog, then you'll not only be grieving the loss of a companion but also the loss of a coworker or the loss of your independence. If you cared for your pet through a protracted illness, you likely grew to love him even more. If you lived alone and the pet was your only companion, coming to terms with his loss can be even harder. If you

were unable to afford expensive veterinary treatment to prolong the life of your pet, you may even feel a profound sense of guilt.

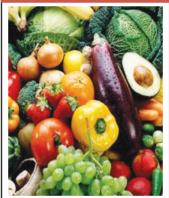
* Don't let anyone tell you how to feel, and don't tell yourself how to feel either. Your grief is your own, and no one else can tell you when it's time to "move on" or "get over it." Let yourself feel whatever you feel without embarrassment or judgment. It's okay to be angry, to cry or not to cry. It's also okay to laugh, to find moments of joy, and to let go when you're

* Reach out to others who have lost pets. Check out online message boards, pet loss hotlines, and pet loss support

* Rituals can help healing. A funeral can help you and your family members openly express your feelings. Ignore people who think it's inappropriate to hold a funeral for a pet, and do what feels right

for you. Look after yourself. The stress of losing a pet can quickly deplete your energy and emotional reserves. Looking after your physical and emotional needs will help you get through this difficult time. Eat a healthy diet, get plenty of sleep, and exercise regularly to release endorphins and help boost your

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Vegetables

The list of vegetables which supply your body with high amounts of energy is exhaustive.

The main foods in the vegetable area which provide high amounts of energy are: sprouts, broccoli, asparagus and spinach.

Nuts

Some nuts are a great energy source and are often very suited to a quick snack. Almonds, peanuts and soy nuts are perfect for this example.

Beans & Lentils

Beans and lentils are a great source of potassium and carbohydrates. Kidney beans, lentils, baked beans and many others provide a great source of energy for your body.

Seeds

Sunflower and pumpkin seeds are also a great source of energy for your body. These are great as a stand-alone snack, and also combined with other ingredients in nut bars.

Researchers say step closer to meningitis B vaccine

PARIS (AFP) - Researchers said Monday they were a step closer to developing a vaccine against the type of meningitis that mostly affects Europe and North America and kills hundreds every

A trial in adolescents in Australia, Poland and Spain showed them developing an immune response without serious side-effects, according to a study published in The Lancet Infectious Diseases medical journal

After taking the drug, the test group generated antibodies that are active against 90 percent of strains in the meningitis B group affecting the United States and Europe.

'Our data suggest that this vaccine is a promising and broadly protective meningococcal serogroup B vaccine candidate," said study lead author Peter Richmond from the University of Western

atrics and Child Health. Meningitis, an inflammation of the lining around the brain and spinal cord, mostly targets teenagers -- with a fatality rate of between five percent and 14 percent.

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Many survivors suffer permanent neurological damage and limb or hearing loss.

Vaccines exist against types A and C meningitis, but none that is broadly effective against strains in serogroup B, mostly prevalent in industrialised nations.

Type A is the primary cause of epidemic meningitis in Africa.

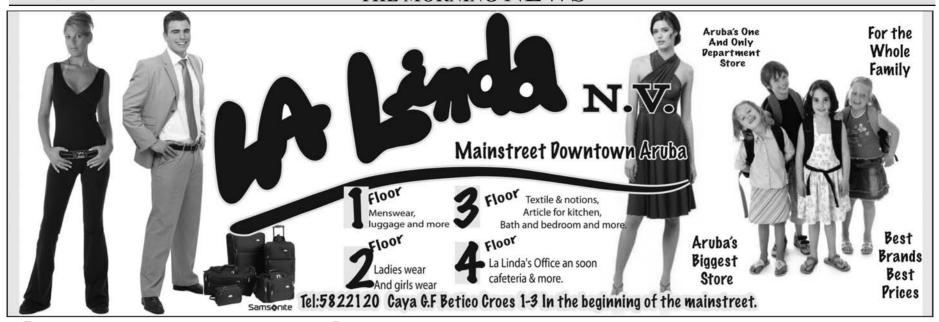
42 percent of US may be obese by 2030: study

WASHINGTON (AFP) -Forty-two percent of the US population could be obese by 2030, up from about onethird currently, and the associated rise in health woes would likely cost \$550 billion over two decades, said a study on Monday.

In real numbers, the increase would mean about 32 million more obese people, said the forecast led by researchers at Duke University in North Carolina and published in the American Journal of Preventive Medicine.

An adult with a body mass index of 30 or higher is considered obese, such as a person who is 5'9" (1.75 meters tall) and weighs over 203 pounds (92 kilograms), according to the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"Keeping obesity rates level could yield a savings of nearly \$550 billion in medical expenditures over the next two decades," said lead author Eric Finkelstein.



Google ahead of Facebook in mobile space



WASHINGTON (AFP) - Google is leading Facebook in the race for smartphone users, a US survey showed Monday.

The report by comScore, a study of mobile behavior, found Google sites attracted 93 million of the 97 million Americans using their smartphones for the Internet.

Next was Facebook with 78 million, followed by Yahoo! (66 million) Amazon (44 million) and Wikimedia, which includes the Wikipedia site (39 million).

But it also found that 80 percent of time spent was

represented by "app" usage compared to 20 percent via browser.

Twitter saw an even higher percentage of time spent with apps at 96.5 percent of all minutes.

The most popular app was Apple iTunes with 32 million users, followed by Google Maps with 29 million and Facebook with 26 million.

Social networking was a particularly popular activity on smartphones, and Facebook led the pack, with the average Facebook mobile user spending more than seven hours via browser or



app in March.

Pinterest, which has seen its adoption explode in recent months, reached 7.5 million smartphone visitors who used the brand for nearly an hour.

Location-based social network Foursquare attracted 5.5 million mobile visitors at an average of nearly 2.5 hours, while Tumblr reached an audience of nearly 4.5 million who engaged for 68 minutes during the month.

Norway boasts world's largest carbon dioxide capture lab

OSLO, Norway (AFP) - Norway on Monday inaugurated what it called the world's largest laboratory for capturing carbon dioxide, a leading strategy for fighting global warming.

Located at an oil refinery on Norway's west coast, the Technology Centre Mongstad aims to test French and Norwegian methods of capturing carbon dioxide emissions and burying them underground to prevent them from escaping into the atmosphere.

"We need to find a way to reconcile the need for energy and the need for emission reductions," said Prime Minister Jens Stoltenberg as he inaugurated the site.

"Carbon-capture technology is a key," he said, adding: "This technology may deliver up to 20 percent of the emission reductions needed by 2050."

Built at an estimated cost of 5.9 billion Norwegian krone (780 million euros/\$1 billion) mainly with state funds, the Mongstad centre is "the world's largest and most advanced laboratory for testing carbon-capture technologies", Stoltenberg said.

The centre is three-quarters owned by the state firm Gassnova, followed by a 20 percent stake held by Norway's Statoil, with the Anglo-Dutch Shell and South Africa's Sasol holding the remaining stakes.

It is testing technologies of the French company Alstom amd those of Norway's Aker Solutions.

Stoltenberg launched the ambitious project in 2007 with the aim of making Norway a world leader in capturing and storing carbon dioxide, a goal he likened in importance to a Moon landing.

But the project has been plagued with delays and cost overruns: the goal of large-scale capture and storage of the carbon dioxide emitted by Mongstad's refinery and natural gas processing plant was initially set to enter operation in 2014, but is now expected to become possible in 2020 at the earliest.

How scientists would know of a N. Korea nuclear test

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Earthquake monitors, sound wave detectors and sensors on planes that pick up airborne traces of atomic material are all ways that global scientists will know within minutes if North Korea conducts a nuclear test.

The world's ability to detect such events has improved since the hermit state's last two nuclear tests in 2006 and 2009. Scientists today, for example, have a larger network of worldwide seismology stations and more sensitive instruments, experts say.

Here are some of the top methods scientists will use:

EARTHQUAKE DETECTION

Seismic monitoring is the most effective and quickest way to detect a nuclear test. Seismic waves travel about five miles per second.

The closest monitoring

stations are in Japan and South Korea.

The 2006 North Korea explosion was detected at a magnitude 4.1 and was believed to be less than one kiloton explosive yield; while the 2009 test registered 4.5 and was believed to be a few kilotons.

RADIONUCLIDE SIGNALS

This extremely sensitive technique allows scientists to use instruments that "sniff" fission products of the explosive material that have seeped out of the ground or been released in the air.

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sions in the atmosphere but can also come from underground explosions.

Global monitors can detect an in-water explosion as small as one ton (0.001 kiloton) across most of the world's oceans.

US PLANES, SATEL-LITES

The US Air Force was first tasked in 1947 with monitoring atomic explosions worldwide, and today employs nearly 1,000 Department of Defense personnel at its Air Force Technical Applications Center (AFTAC) for that job.

AFTAC operates a WC-135 aircraft for detecting radioactive debris that could come from nuclear explosions. The plane flies to the location of the debris plume and collects particulates for lab analysis.



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Finance

Lagarde urges flexibility on fiscal targets

ZURICH (AFP) - IMF chief Christine Lagarde yesterday called the growth-vs-austerity fight a "false debate" and urged some flexibility for eurozone countries having trouble meeting fiscal targets.

A day after elections in France and Greece delivered to power parties opposed to severe government cutbacks, Lagarde said countries should not be forced to tighten spending if unexpectedly slow growth erodes budgets already-troubled budgets.

"Countries need to keep a steady hand on the wheel," she said in a speech in Zurich, according to the text of her remarks.

"If growth is worse than expected, they should stick to announced fiscal measures, rather than announced fiscal targets. In other words, they

should not fight any fall in tax revenues or rise in spending caused solely because the economy weakens."

The issue is crucial to a number of eurozone countries facing recession, including three under IMF-EU bailouts; Portugal, Greece and Ireland.

All have agreed to the March EU compact that includes tough budgetary targets, and the three also face fiscal performance goals under their rescues that have contributed to crunching growth.

Lagarde, who did not mention specific countries in her speech, played down the choice between austerity and growth.

"The growth camp says that we need more government stimulus to increase growth. The austerity camp says that markets are sitting in judgment over a mountain of public debt, and governments need to do what is necessary to reduce that debt as fast as possible," she said.

"I believe it is a false debate... We can design a strategy that is good for today and good for tomorrow. Good for stability and good for growth -- where stability is conducive to growth and growth facilitates stability."

She added that monetary policy has already been eased with the aim of increasing demand and returning to economic growth.

While monetary policy is already extremely loose, there might be some scope -- and need -- to go faster in some cases," she said, without being specific on where and how.

CHINA. **HANGZHOU** Photo taken on May 3, 2012, show Chinese home buyers who bought their homes when the property market was at it's peak, holding banners reading "Kunlun cheating" during a protest in Hangzhou, east China's Zheijang province. after the Kunlun property developer recently reduced the value of their homes by two-thirds following the fall of property prices.

China has implemented several measures aimed at limiting runaway property prices for more than a year, including bans on



buying second homes, hiking minimum down-payments and introducing

property taxes in select cities.
(AFP PHOTO)

Oil row with South cost Sudan \$2.4 bln

KHARTOUM (AFP) -Sudan's failure to agree with South Sudan on oil fees has cost the Sudanese economy \$2.4 billion dollars, the finance minister told parliament yesterday.

The disagreement has been at the heart of tensions between north and South, which came to the brink of all-out

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war until a United Nationsimposed ceasefire came into effect along their border last Friday after a month of fighting.

"Our losses from not reaching an agreement with South Sudan for using the pipeline are 6.5 billion Sudanese pounds," said Finance Minister Ali Mahmud al-Rasul.

At the official exchange rate, the figure corresponds to \$2.4 billion, although on the black market where the pound has plunged in value since South Sudan separated last July, it would be about \$1.2 billion.

When the South became independent it took with it about 75 percent of Sudanese oil production worth billions of dollars.

Southern oil represented more than a third of Khar-

toum's revenues and its largest source of hard currency, leaving the government struggling for alternatives since independence.

The landlocked South, which said oil provided 98 percent of its revenues, depended on the north's pipeline and port to export its crude.

But protracted negotiations led by the African Union could not reach an agreement.

Khartoum wanted the South to pay \$36 a barrel including a "transit fee" and charges for using its marine terminal, transportation and processing, but the South proposed 70 US cents a barrel.

With the two sides far apart, Khartoum began seizing oil in lieu of compensation and South Sudan in January shut down its oil production after accusing the north of theft

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Dutch media see Hollande as threat to euro recovery

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--The victory of François Hollande in the French presidential elections is seen by many Dutch media as a vote against further austerity measures and a possible threat to the economic recovery of the euro zone.

(per 10,000)

National daily writes in an editorial that Hollande's election could have consequences for the cooperation between France and Germany, the two countries that took the lead in

tackling the euro crisis.

The paper writes that Hollande, a socialist, finds the budget discipline agreement too strict and is looking for ways to stimulate economic growth

However, most of the other dailies agree that the new French president will have little choice but to continue on the course set out by his predecessor Nicolas Sarkozy

Chavez cancer fight ignites PDVSA Bond Rally

--Debt traders are pushing up the bonds of state-owned Petroleos de Venezuela SA as they envision a nation without

Fitch: Hollande victory not to prompt ratings

move

PARIS (AFP) - Fitch Ratings said yesterday that the election of Socialist Francois Hollande as president would not have an immediate impact on France's top triple-A rating and any change was unlikely this year.

"The election of the Socialist party candidate, Francois Hollande, as President of the French Republic does not have implications for France's 'AAA' rating, currently on Negative Outlook," Fitch said in a statement.

Fitch has had France's rating on negative outlook since December 2011, and said that in the absence of serious shocks there would not be a decision on the rating until

President Hugo Chavez that may free the oil producer from a tax rate as high as 95 percent.

The company's \$26.5 billion of debentures gained 2.1 percent last week through May 3, the most among the 50 biggest emerging-markets issuers of dollar-denominated debt, building on April returns of 2 percent, Bank of America Merrill Lynch index data show.

The extra yield investors demand to buy debt from the owner of U.S. refiner and marketer Citgo Petroleum Corp. compared with the average for speculative-grade U.S. energy companies has dropped by more than half this year.

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Model, French billionaire settle on child support



Linda Evangelista appears at Manhattan Family Court for a child support case with Francois-Henri Pinault

NEW YORK (AFP) - Former supermodel Linda Evangelista's 5-year-old son Augustin is unlikely to lack pocket money after his billionaire father made an outof-court settlement for child support in New York on Monday.

Pinault agreed to pay his ex

There was no word on how much Francois-Henri

to end the court case, which had been due to go into its third day of testimony.

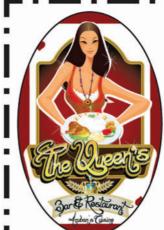
Evangelista's lawyer, William Beslow, said simply: "The parties have reached an agreement."

According to Pinault's lawyers, Evangelista wanted \$46,000 a month for her boy, who she said needed a bodyguard, driver and 24-hour nanny

The amount was disputed by Beslow, although he did not provide an alternative fig-

The hearings in Manhattan Family Court featured Pinault, whose PPR conglomerate owns Gucci and Yves Saint Laurent, and the glamorous Evangelista, who turned up in designer sunglasses and Louboutin high heels.

The two had a brief relationship. Since 2009, Pinault has been married to actress Salma Hayek, with whom he has a four-year-old daughter, Valentina. He also has two other children from a previous marriage.



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cello broken: official



MADRID (AFP) - A priceless 17th-century Stradivarius cello got broken while being handled by experts in Spain's royal palace, an official said Monday.

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Priceless Spanish royal



were acquired by king Felipe V who ruled Spain at the turn of the 18th century. "The cello suffered an accident on April 13" that caused its neck to break while experts were examining it, an official in the national heritage section of the

The cello is one of five an-

tique instruments by Italian

luthier Antonio Stradivari,

renowned for the exquisite

sound of his instruments, that

royal palace told AFP. The official declined to give further details or put a value on the cello. El Mundo newspaper cited experts estimating its worth at up to 22 million euros (\$29 million).

El Mundo cited an unnamed heritage source saying that experts had set the cello on its side padded with foam so they could photograph it but it tipped forward and knocked against a table, breaking its neck from the body.

"The instrument can be easily repaired," the official said, adding that the neck of the instrument was a not an original part of the instrument but had been replaced.

"These things happen, and unfortunately it happened to us this time. It is in good hands and we will all still be able to enjoy the music of this cello."



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Keep around your house and yard clean

New York shared bikes to be blue

NEW YORK (AFP) - Yellow taxis, orange ferries and now blue bikes. New York's latest transportation initiative got an official color Monday -plus \$41 million sponsorship from Citi.

The program, which envisions 10,000 bicycles and 600 docking stations, will start in July, Mayor Michael Bloomberg confirmed as he announced the sponsorship deal alongside Citi CEO Vikram Pandit and other officials.

"From its yellow taxis to its landmark bridges to the Staten Island Ferry, New York is a city of transportation icons, and these signature blue Citi Bikes will be New Yorkers' newest trans-

portation choice," said Transport Commissioner Janette Sadik-Khan.

Sadik-Khan said the Citi funds would mean the bikes required no use of tax money.

For users, quick rides will be a good deal.

Just \$9.95 will buy 30 minutes of riding time over a 24 hour period. That would be enough for several hops, but for those dreaming of a day-long meander through Brooklyn, or a ride around Central Park, the costs quickly mount to levels more akin to a rental car.

Keep the Citi Bike for two hours and it costs the access fee and an extra \$25. For four hours you'll be paying a total of \$82.95. A whole 24 hours weighs in at \$145 plus the initial fee, or a total of \$154.95.

Riders who pay an annual access fee of \$95, instead of the 24-hour fee of \$9.95, can make use of the charge-free period as often as they like and their grace period is extended from 30 minutes to 45. Thereafter the costs are the same.

Lose the machine and it's a \$1,000 fine.

According to city officials, 54 percent of trips made by New Yorkers are under two miles. The bikes will be perfect for "short trips that are too far to walk, but short enough that a subway, taxi or livery might be less efficient or more costly," Bloomberg's office said in a statement.

Lady Gaga teacup fetches \$75,300 in Japan auction TOKYO (AFP) - A



With more than 1,300 bids, the week-long auction finished at 1400 GMT Sunday, with a top offer of 6,011,000 yen, said Yahoo! Japan, which managed the charity event.

Payment was required before the winning bid could be confirmed, it said.

The cup was used by Lady Gaga at a press conference in Tokyo three months after the massive tsunami of March last year swamped a large stretch of coastline.

Lady Gaga told reporters at the time that she would auction the cup, marked with her lipstick and bearing the Japanese message "We pray for Japan" along with the star's autograph.

All the money raised will be used to help young Japanese artists who want to study in the United States.

The teacup was one of a number of items being sold to raise money for those affected by Japan's worst post-war calamity, and was the second most expensive lot.

Lady Gaga visited Japan twice after the disaste called on tourists from around the world to follow suit.

The songstress is due back in Japan this week as part of an Asian tour.

The top-priced item was a Kawai crystal piano used by Yoshiki of rock band Japan X, which went for 11,001,000 yen, Yahoo! Japan said.

The natural disaster killed some 19,000 people on Japan's northeast coast and sparked the world's worst nuclear accident since the 1986 Chernobyl disaster, leading to a plunge in visitors to the country.



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Adorable and affordable; 5 Burgers Aruba offers an island twist to the great American Burger

Expatriates residing on Aruba, Aaron and Rosie Walisever are living their dream: a home on paradise while welcoming all and sundry to their proud undertaking, 5 Burgers Aruba. Some may be quite well acquainted with a nationally known U.S franchise bearing the name "5", and patrons can expect the same great quality between the buns, but an expanded menu and Rosie and Aaron's fanatical dedication to giving their customers what they really want has resulted in a unique menu.



"You never get a second chance to make a



Gouda Burger 2

first impression," comments Aaron; and upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgersthe way they were meant to be, thick and juicy, made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

Prices vary only slightly between regular and small (basically 2 patties or 1) with specialty items such as Gouda Burger, Farmer's Burger, Man Burger (almost 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western Burger with crispy onion rings and BBQ sauce. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of beach by calling 586-3904. (mushrooms, jalapeño peppers, bacon, stop by and enjoy their aucheese, lettuce, tomato... whatever the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost.

5 Burger portions are ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of fries, which are made from hand-cut fresh Idaho potatoes, is enough to be shared by two. He was very amused to watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!" Try them the English way-with vinegar, and you'll wonder how you ever ate fries without it. This same 5-star chef also swears by Gouda as the best topping for the ideal gourmet cheeseburger.

If you are a fan of crispy friend onion rings, as we are at THE MORNING NEWS, you cannot leave there without trying their secret recipe batterdipped gourmet rings, made from fresh, not frozen onions. Unquestionably, the best we have had anywhere, and for those that like a little spice, the fried jalapeños are a real treat. Aaron and Rosie have expanded their menu to accommodate certain tastes and dietary needs; they offer a tasty grilled chicken sandwich as well.

5 Burgers Aruba is open for lunch & dinner – daily hours are Noon to 10-ish; delivery is available to both the high-rise and low-rise hotel and beach district for orders over \$50. Enjoy a great lunch without ever leaving the However, we suggest you thentic, heartfelt hospitality; it is not unusual for the owners when things are not too busy, to sit and chat while sharing their knowledge of the island. Totally yummy and fun plus a great deal for a quality burger. they are definitely worth a

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TUESDAY AND FRIDA

Bushiri Karting Nationals

Aruba's second Karting Race of 2012 a huge success!





Recently, Bushiri Karting held their second point series competition of the year.

Bushiri Karting Speedway is the only karting track on the island and was renovated last year in June. After the

on big screens, a welcome place for the whole

Bushiri Karting Speedway main focus is making the sport of karting grow on the island and this year held the

with qualifying rounds and after that the semi's, followed by a break and then the grand finals in the afternoon. Both competitions were

Arends

tough in the 4stroke light category and also Tag junior. During the second point series the results were as fol-

In the Tag jr it was Jair Kelly who took 1st, Donavan Asby 2nd & 3rd Rudolfo

In Tag sr Jonathan Arends 1st, Brandon Adamus 2nd & Brian Wong 3rd.



In 4 Stroke Light, the highlight of the day, the comptition was fierce in this category and it was Myron Tromp who took 1st, Betto Arends 2nd & Shaun Kelly

After the race the track was open again for Rentals



ful race at Fuel Sports Bar & Congratulations goes to all the winners and also Bushiri Karting Speedway for organizing another great competi-

where everybody's adrenaline

was pumping after a great

competition. There were per-

sonal challenges on the

0.8mile professional Bushiri

Karting track. The winners,

competitors & fanatics cele-

brated after another success-

For more information about Bushiri Karting Speedway or reservations to rent Go Karts please call: 583-5278, they are located just minutes away of the low rise hotels on the dirt road behind Ling & Sons supermarket. www.bushirikarting.com



renovation they opened the track with 16 Rental Karts available for the public.

There's also a sports bar called Fuel Sports Bar & Grill offering good food on the grill, pool tables, foosball tables, and sports are shown

first point series called the Bushiri Karting Nationals and will complete 6 big races this year. The first competition was in April and the second one on May 1st.

On the day of the competition the races started early



Lakers head home with 3-1 lead



DENVER, Colorado (AFP) -Ramon Sessions nailed the go-ahead three-point shot with 48 seconds left to lift the Los Angeles Lakers to a 92-88 win over the Denver Nuggets in game four of their first round NBA playoff se-

Kobe Bryant finished with 22 points, eight rebounds and six assists, Andrew Bynum scored 19 points and Pau Gasol had 13 points and nine rebounds for the Lakers, who seized a 3-1 lead in the bestof-seven series.

Steve Blake scored eight of his 10 points in the fourth quarter of Sunday's contest. He also hit a key three pointer in the final minute for Los Angeles at the Pepsi Center arena.

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"I have to give credit to a lot of our guys for stepping up at different times," said Los Angeles head coach Mike Brown. "Sessions and Blake hit two huge threes late in the game that gave us some separation."

Danilo Gallinari had 20

points while Andre Miller came off the bench to record 15 points and seven rebounds for Denver, who have lost all five previous playoff series to the Lakers.

The Lakers can advance to the second round with a victory in game five on Tuesday at home.

In the Eastern Conference:

at Philadelphia

Philadelphia 89, Chicago 82 (Philadelphia lead series

at New York

New York 89 Miami 87 (Miami lead series 3-1)

at Boston

Boston 101 Atlanta 79 (Boston lead series 3-1)

History is on the Lakers side as Los Angeles is 42-1 overall when winning the opening two games of a playoff series which they did against the Nuggets.

Wary Djokovic hoping to avoid injury on blue clay

MADRID (AFP) - Wary top seed Novak Djokovic said Monday he hoped that play this week on the untried blue clay laid down for the Madrid Masters will be injury-free as the controversial surface gets a test under battle conditions.

"The hope of all players is that we won't have injuries and have a decent week of tennis," said Djokovic, who skipped the ATP event in Belgrade last week after the death of his grandfather during the Monte Carlo Masters.

"The blue clay surface makes this year different," said the 2011 Madrid champion. "It is the first time in history. It will be interesting for everyone to see what happens.

Djokovic joined with Nadal in criticising ATP executives who didn't bother to consult with at least their topshelf players.

"The only disappointing thing from a player standpoint is that it was decided

without players agreeing to it," said the Serb. "Players should be agreeing to the change - there should be some value in what they say.

The proposal from largerthan-life billionaire Madrid impresario Ion Tiriac is on a one-year trial, with the event saying its purpose is to help spectators see the yellow ball more clearly on the blue sur-

On court, women's holder Petra Kvitova kick-started her title defence with a 6-2, 6-3 defeat of New Zealand's Marina Erakovic.

American Williams, the former number one now seeded ninth, started out with a victory over Russian Elena Vesnina 6-3, 6-1 which began at the early hour of 11 am.

Elsewhere, Czech Andrea Hlavackova out Australian Anastasia Rodionova 6-1, 6-4 while Lucie Hradecka beat China's Peng Shuai 6-4, 5-7,

Milan neighbours fined for fan chants and banners

on Monday for insulting chants and banners at Sunday's city derby at the San Siro.

Inter were hit with a 20,000-euro fine for banners that were insulting towards the opposition and their fans as well as for allegedly racially abusing a Milan player.

Ghanaian Sulley Mutari,

ROME (AFP) - Inter Milan who is on loan from Inter to and AC Milan were both fined Milan and is widely regarded as naving been a flop for the nerazzaurri, was jeered throughout the match but the Italian sporting justice authorities decided that some of that contained expressions of racial discrimination.

> Milan were fined 10,000 euros for banners hung up by their fans, also considered to be insulting towards Inter.





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TAMPA	19	10	.655	0.5	ATLANTA	18	11	.621	0.5
Toronto	16	13	.552	3.5	NY METS	15	13	.536	3.0
YANKEES	15	13	.536	4.0	MIAMI	14	14	.500	4.0
BOSTON	11	16	.407	7.5	PHILADELPHIA	14	15	.483	4.5
Central					Central				
CLEVELAND	15	11	.577		ST. LOUIS	17	11	.607	
DETROIT	14	13	.519	1.5	CINCINNATI	14	13	.519	2.5
CHICAGO	13	15	.464	3.0	HOUSTON	13	15	.464	4.0
KANSAS	9	18	.333	6.5	PITTSBURG	12	16	.429	5.0
MINNESOTA	7	20	.259	8.5	MILWAUKEE	12	16	.429	5.0
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Netherlands name bumper 36-man Euro 2012 squad

THE HAGUE (AFP) - Netherlands coach Bert van Marwijk on Monday announced a bumper preliminary squad of 36 players for Euro 2012 in Poland and the Ukraine, which begins on June 8.

Van Marwijk will have to whittle the squad down to three goalkeepers and 20 outfield players by May 29.

The 36 players will participate in an initial training camp in Hoenderloo from May 14-15.

Beaten finalists at the 2010 World Cup, where they lost 1-0 to Spain, the Netherlands cruised through Euro 2012 qualifying, winning nine of their 10 group games and scoring 37 goals in the process -- more than any other side.

Goalkeepers: Jasper Cillessen (Ajax), Tim Krul (Newcastle United/ENG), Erwin Mulder (Feyenoord), Maarten Stekelenburg (Roma/ITA), Michel Vorm (Swansea City/WAL)

Defenders: Vurnon Anita (Ajax), Khalid Boulahrouz (Stuttgart/GER), Wilfred Bouma (PSV Eindhoven),

John Heitinga (Everton/ENG), Hedwiges Maduro (Valencia/ESP), Joris Mathijsen (Malaga/ESP), Erik Pieters (PSV Eindhoven), Nick Viergever (AZ Alkmaar), Ron Vlaar, Stefan de Vrij (both Feyenoord), Gregory van der Wiel (Ajax), Jetro Willems (PSV Eindhoven)

Midfielders: Ibrahim Afellay (Barcelona/ESP), Mark van Bommel, Urby Emanuelson (both AC Milan/ITA), Nigel de Jong (Manchester City/ENG), Siem de Jong (Ajax), Adam Maher (AZ Alkmaar), Stijn Schaars (Sporting Lisbon/POR), Wesley Sneijder (Inter Milan/ITA), Kevin Strootman (PSV Eindhoven), Rafael van der Vaart (Tottenham Hotspur/ENG)

Forwards: Georginio Wijnaldum (PSV Eindhoven),
Klaas-Jan Huntelaar
(Schalke/GER), Ola John,
Luuk de Jong (both FC
Twente), Dirk Kuyt (Liverpool/ENG), Jeremain Lens
(PSV Eindhoven), Luciano
Narsingh (Heerenveen), Robin
van Persie (Arsenal/ENG),
Arjen Robben (Bayern Munich/GER)

German minister says will boycott Ukraine Euro 2012

BERLIN (AFP) - Germany's development minister became the country's first member of government to announce a boycott of the Euro 2012 championships in Ukraine over human rights concerns, in an interview Monday.

Dirk Niebel told Tuesday's edition of Die Welt he wanted to send a "political message", adding: "that is why I am skipping my planned visit to a game by the German national team in Ukraine."

He said that Kiev had expressed a will to move closer to European values and standards and could now show "how seriously it takes these commitments", according to a pre-released copy of the interview.

The announcement came during a visit to Berlin by the daughter of Ukraine's jailed former prime minister Yulia Tymoshenko for meetings with German political officials in a bid to raise the issue of her mother's plight.

Germany has been at the forefront of international criticism of Kiev's treatment of Tymoshenko who was jailed for seven years in October on

The 2012 UEFA European Football Championship, commonly referred to as Euro 2012, will be the 14th European Championship for national football teams organised by UEFA. The final tournament will hosted by Poland and Ukraine between June and 1 July 2012. It is the first time that either nation has hosted the tournament. This bid was chosen by **UEFA's Executive Com**mittee in 2007.



charges that European Union leaders view as politically motivated.

The 2004 Orange Revolution leader, who has complained of debilitating back pain since being jailed, also launched a hunger strike on April 20 over an alleged beating in prison.

"It is wrong to lock people up in prison because of political convictions," Niebel, who is a member of the probusiness Free Democrats, a junior partner in the governing centre-right coalition, said.

German President Joachim Gauck has rejected an invitation to a May 11-12 Yalta summit meeting while German Chancellor Angela Merkel is reportedly considering ordering ministers not to attend matches.

She told a newspaper last week that she would decide whether to attend the

Ukraine-held games at the last minute.

The Austrian government has already announced a boycott and the European Union has said all its commissioners will skip next month's Euro 2012 football events in the country.

Ukrainian Prime Minister Mykola Azarov Monday slammed Euro boycott calls in the country, which cohosts the championships with Poland starting June 8, as humiliating to the Ukrainian people.

A Ukrainian daily newspaper close to the party of President Viktor Yanukovych Friday published an editorial accusing Germany of not changing since the Third Reich and still trying to dictate its rule.

Germany coach Joachim Loew Monday joined national captain Philipp Lahm in criticising Ukraine over Tymoshenko.

Loew told reporters that a boycott of the European championships by any team was "clearly not sensible" but that the political situation in Ukraine was of concern.

Germany, which is among the favourites to win Euro 2012, will play all three of their opening games in Ukraine.



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